



# St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School News

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**Our Mission: To Teach, Love, Live and Learn as Jesus Did**

**Our Vision: Share Faith, Serve Others, Seek Knowledge**

## **Pre-Kindergarten & Early Childhood Survey - Please Respond If You Haven't Already Done So**

A paper copy can be found at the end of this newsletter. Your input is important to us. You may fill out this paper copy and return it to the school office with your child, or you can go to our school website at [www.stcharlesschoolfw.org](http://www.stcharlesschoolfw.org) and access and reply to an online version of this same survey. We are looking for responses to the idea of opening a Pre-Kindergarten Program for three-year-old (Pre-K 3) and four-year-old (Pre-K 4) students. We are also looking for responses to the idea of opening an Early Childhood Program for two-year-old children through Pre-K 4. We would love to hear from you! Thanks again. Sincerely - Rob Sordelet, Principal

**Dear Parents and Students,**

### **Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hoersten on the birth of their baby boy, Carter George, on Wednesday evening!**

Mom and baby Carter (and Dad) are all doing fine. Mrs. Tippmann will be subbing in Kindergarten for a few weeks, until Ms. Lee finishes a maternity leave at St. Vincent's and takes over Mrs. Hoersten's classroom for a few months.

**Congratulations are in order for four 5th and 6th grade CYO Champion Basketball Teams!** Both our boys' and girls' teams in grade 5, and both our boys' and girls' teams in grade 6 swept all four CYO Basketball Championships this past Saturday. Really, that is amazing. I cannot remember a time in the past 20 years when we swept all four titles. Many thanks to our dedicated coaches, parents, and student-athletes for putting in the time and dedication needed to pull off such a feat. Great job everyone!

**Additionally, our 7th and 8th grade girls' teams both play in CYO Championship games Saturday morning** here at St. Charles. The 7th grade girls play at 9:00 a.m. and the 8th grade girls play at 12:00 noon. Come out and show your Cardinal Spirit and cheer the girls on!

### **PARENTS, BE AWARE OF A DANGEROUS GAME**

**The "Pass out game" or "The choke game" has come back around and is a danger to unsuspecting teens.** Parents, teens here in the area, some in our school, have started playing this game in the last few weeks. Please talk to your kids about the dangers of trying this. I spoke to junior high yesterday briefly and explained the danger in trying this.

I took the following explanation from an article on the internet published on July 31, 2014, after the death of an 11 year-old Michigan boy who was playing the game.

From the article: "The game, known alternatively as "the fainting game," "tap out," "hangman," "elevator," and "blackout," is often played by groups of teens who partner up and cause each other to lose consciousness by choking or other means, but can also be played alone. The game, which some call an age-old teen ritual, has been receiving increased media attention in recent years as teens, college students and other young people have begun posting pictures and videos of themselves playing it YouTube and Facebook. The website of The Dangerous Behaviors Foundation, a nonprofit organization that tries to educate parents about risky behavior among teens, said there were 26 reported deaths, mostly teens, due to the "pass out" game in the U.S. this year as of late October. Since 2007, 183 people have died, according to the foundation. An 11-year-old Michigan boy died on Sunday after his parents said he suffocated while playing a dangerous game called "pass out" that has become popular among teenagers. Brandon Stine, of Westland, Mich., near Detroit, was found dead in his bedroom, and his parents said they suspect he was playing a game in which people intentionally deprive themselves of oxygen in order to get a quick buzz upon waking up. His mother, Jenny Stine, told Fox News Detroit that she had pleaded with her son not to play the game and that he had told her, "Mom, I would never do anything that stupid." Jenny Stine said she and her family were urging parents to talk to their children about the game and check their children's phones, social media and email accounts for any evidence that they might be playing it." **Thank you for your children! -Rob S.**

### **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

Father Gregerson has scheduled altar server training for interested grade 6 students. The two-day training will be held in church on Thursday and Friday, March 2 & 3, after school, 3:00-4:30 pm. Students not going to after-school care should be picked up at church at 4:30. This is a two-day training and students should be present for both days. Questions may be directed to Father Gregerson.

**ISTEP/IREAD** - The State of Indiana has designated Monday, February 27 through Friday, March 10 as the ISTEP part 1 testing window. St. Charles plans to begin the tests on Monday, February 27, for students in grades 3 through 8. If students are not absent, testing should be completed by Wednesday, March 1st. The tests for part 1 are paper-and-pencil. (Part 2, later in spring, is online.)

Make-up tests will be given to students who have been absent, but these are not in the best testing environment, as testing space and test administrators are not as readily available. Please help the students to be in school and on time.

ISTEP part 2 testing window will be April 17 through May 5 for all students in grades 3 through 8 and will be online. We are not planning to test Monday, April 17 since this is the day after Easter. For this part of the test students will be using their Chromebooks (grades 6-8), Ipads (grades 4 & 5) or our school computers, desktop and laptop (grade 3). Again, we ask that no appointments be scheduled for this time, ensuring that the students will not be absent during testing. You can check out the ISTEP online experience with the following link: <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/experience-online>

As you may know, in March 2010 the Indiana General Assembly passed House Enrolled Act 1367 (P.L. 109) requiring the evaluation of reading skills for all third grade students. This legislation was developed to ensure students can read at grade level prior to fourth grade. As a result, all students in grade 3 will take IREAD during the designated testing window of March 13 - 17. This test will be done online and should be completed, if students are not absent, in two days. Further information is available at <http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/iread-3>

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Elizabeth Kaufman, Livia Tippmann, Ian Rottinger, Cyan Lilly, Sasha Siri, Mark Glidden, Kaiden Geise, Katie Samons, Rebecca Kaufman, Ella Campbell, Serenity Geise, Emily Amorini, Isabella Hunt, Bailee Csellar, Brady Cochran, Lilly Filler, Brittany Ford, Eve Miller, Dane Taylor, Rose Henry, Lincoln Firks, Carter Minix, Grace Morris, Karley O’Leary, Veronica Fuentes, Colton Woods, Norah Downey, Michael Parker, D.J. Gleason.

**February Virtue - Fortitude (The Third Cardinal Virtue)**

From **Fortitude**, represented by armor, is the virtue of strength. Its very name is Latin for “strength.” Fortitude enables a baptized person to stand firm when sufferings come. It is the armor that guards our soul’s deep desire to love God and to serve Him, even if martyrdom should be the cost.

Scripture: Romans 8:35-37 “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ: Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, ‘For thy sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”

Week	Scripture Reflection	Saint Focus - Sts. Cyril & Methodius, St. Philip Neri, St. Paul Miki, St. Gianna Molla	Challenge and/or Goal
Feb. 20		St. Gianna Molla (1922-1962) was an Italian physician and mother. After she became pregnant with her fourth child, doctors discovered that Gianna needed surgery to save her life. She opted for the safest surgery to secure the life of her child, even if that might mean the loss of her own life. And so it did. After the little one was born, St. Gianna died from her disease, having born great sufferings with heroic patience.	It disposes one to renounce and sacrifice their life in defense of a just cause.

**CALENDAR**

- February**
- 20 Dental presentation for grade 3 students
- 20-24 Jump Rope for Heart - grades 1-6 in Physical Education classes
- 21 School Board meeting 7:00 pm
- 23 4-12 visits Turnstone Center
- 24 4-13 visits Turnstone Center
- February 27 - March 1 ISTEP+ test part 1, grades 3-4-5-6-7-8
- March**
- 1 Ash Wednesday, all-school Mass
- 2 Grade 2 celebrates Dr. Seuss’ birthday
- 2 Grade 6 server training part 1, after school
- 3 Grade 6 server training part 2, after school
- 6 Sacrament of Reconciliation for grades 2-3-4-5
- 9 Grade 5 visits J.A.’s BizTown
- 10 End of 3rd Quarter
- 10 Stations of the Cross 2:15 pm
- 11 ISSMA Middle School Band competition

- 13 Sacrament of Reconciliation for grades 6-7-8
- 13-14 I-READ assessment - grade 3
- 17 Report Cards go home
- 17 Spring Musical 7:00 pm in the gym

**SCRIP NEWS**

**SCRIP Rebates** - For many of our SCRIP customers, SCRIP becomes a way of life and they forget that it is a fund-raising program. One of the great parts about SCRIP program is that each participant shares in the profit with their credit statements coming in January and June. The January 2017 statements have been ready for a few weeks now. Many have been picked up, but we still have quite a few statements. You have earned your rebate, it is important that you pick up your statement and decide how you wish to use it. If you choose to hold it for use at a later time, be sure to keep it in a safe place - it is the same as cash!

**Congratulations!** The winner of the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_! The package contained \_\_\_\_\_ The easiest way to be sure you are entered into each of these fun promotional contests is to use SCRIP on a regular basis.

**Cabin Fever** - It's that time of year when we begin to feel trapped inside, longing for the beautiful days of spring when we can get outside. Why not take advantage of these final days of winter to clean out, organize and refresh. Make sure you have gift cards to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have great products to help you complete your project. We have limited amounts of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ but can special order as much as you want as well as gift cards to \_\_\_\_\_ Get your projects done now so that when spring arrives you are ready to enjoy the great outdoors once again.

**Volunteer Opening** - We are in need of a volunteer on one of our Saturday night teams. This is a fairly easy position involving about 30-45 minutes of your time, once a month following the 5 pm Mass - from about 5:45 to 6:30. It is a great way to learn more about SCRIP. If you are interested, contact the SCRIP office -

**VOLUNTEERS:**

- Feb, 20 - CLASSROOM DELIVERY - Ashley Mathews
- Feb. 24 - Ruth Marburger, Jenny Perkins, Sue Rohling, Judy Smith
- Feb. 24 - CLASSROOM DELIVERY - Sue Christle
- Feb. 25 - Mary Jones, Jill Onion, Diane Keefer
- Feb. 26 - Laurie Amstutz, Brenda Harter, Roberta Keefer
- Feb. 27 - CLASSROOM DELIVERY - Jenny Perkins
- Mar. 3 - Kathy Johns, Val Lankenau, Gerry James, Amy Copeland
- Mar. 3 - CLASSROOM DELIVERY - Jen Eisaman
- Mar. 4 - Jennifer Hogan, Cindie Rosswurm, Tricia Lilly
- Mar. 5 - Angela Bauer, Denette Pearson, Molly Elsass

**Join Girls on the Run of Northeast Indiana!**

It's time to register for the Spring 2017 season! Please visit their website – <http://gotr-nei.org/> for more information, and to register your daughter. Registration is limited to 20 girls, so register early to guarantee a spot. Registration is open to girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The 10-week spring season will begin on March 13<sup>th</sup> - practices will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. The season will conclude with the girls completing the \_\_\_\_\_ on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Program fee ranges from \$25-\$110/participant and is based on a sliding scale according to household income. For additional information on the program, please contact Kristina Ledo at 492-6750 or [kristinaledo@gmail.com](mailto:kristinaledo@gmail.com).

**BISHOP DWENGER DRIVERS EDUCATION**

Bishop Dwenger High School offers **Drivers Education** three times a year. The Spring session will run March 13-24, 2017. Registration information can be found on Dwenger's website at [www.bishopdwenger.com/Drivers-Education](http://www.bishopdwenger.com/Drivers-Education).

### Cafeteria Lunch Menu - February 2017

20	Chicken Patty Baked Beans Sweet Potato Fries Pears Milk	21	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Goldfish Crackers Green Beans Peaches Milk	22	French Toast Sticks With Syrup Sausage Hashbrowns Oranges Milk	23	Chicken Caesar Salad Soft Pretzel Broccoli Mixed Fruit Milk	24	Bread Stick w/ Cheese Sauce Spinach Salad Grapes Cheese Stick Milk
27	Corn Dog Fries Green Beans Applesauce Milk	28	Taco Salad w/ Meat Cheese & Black Beans Corn Pineapple Milk						

**Students with a negative balance will not be able to order an extra entree.**

### ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNTING FORM

Parents can put money into the student's account through your MealpayPlus online account at [www.mealpayplus.com](http://www.mealpayplus.com) or by calling 877-237-0946 for a small fee. Or, you may send a check with the Lunch Accounting Form below to the school cafeteria. For example, if you have 3 children, send a check for \$90 payable to St. Charles Cafeteria and designate \$30 to each child's account. Each child who will eat hot lunch needs to have money in their account. It is recommended to have a minimum of \$12.50 in this account which will pay for five meals. If the student may want additional portions of the main entree, then it is recommended to have a minimum extra of \$6.25 in the account as well. If you have questions regarding this, you may call the school cafeteria at 969-4028 on school days 8:00-12:30 or the school office at 484-3392. Please, also call MealpayPlus at 877-237-0946 if you have any issues or concerns with your MealpayPlus account.

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Last Name	First Name	Grade-Room	Payment
Payment may be used for Meals (\$2.50), Extra entrée (\$1.25), and milk (45¢)			\$
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		<b>Total Payment Enclosed</b>	\$

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2/10/17

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1. Would you be in favor of St. Charles opening a Pre-Kindergarten Program for three-year-old (Pre-K 3) and four-year-old (Pre-K 4) students? Circle a response please. YES NO

Comments:

2. Would you be in favor of opening Early Childhood Program for children 2 ½ to 5 years old that would have half-day Pre-K classes with the option of adding Extended Care to complete a full school day? YES NO

Comments:

3. Would you support locating a Pre-K Program in the existing Parish Hall (old church) at St. Charles if the space was properly renovated? Circle a response please. YES NO

Comments:

4. Would you support a new addition to St. Charles School, most likely in place of the existing Parish Hall? This idea would have the new space include Pre-K classrooms, a functional skills classroom, and/or early childhood space while leaving enough large space for modest assemblies – one or two grades at a time at a time. Circle a response please. YES NO

Comments:

Please fill out and return with your child to the homeroom teacher. Thank you for your input. Your name is optional, but welcome. If you find you need more space for comments, please feel free to use the back of this paper.